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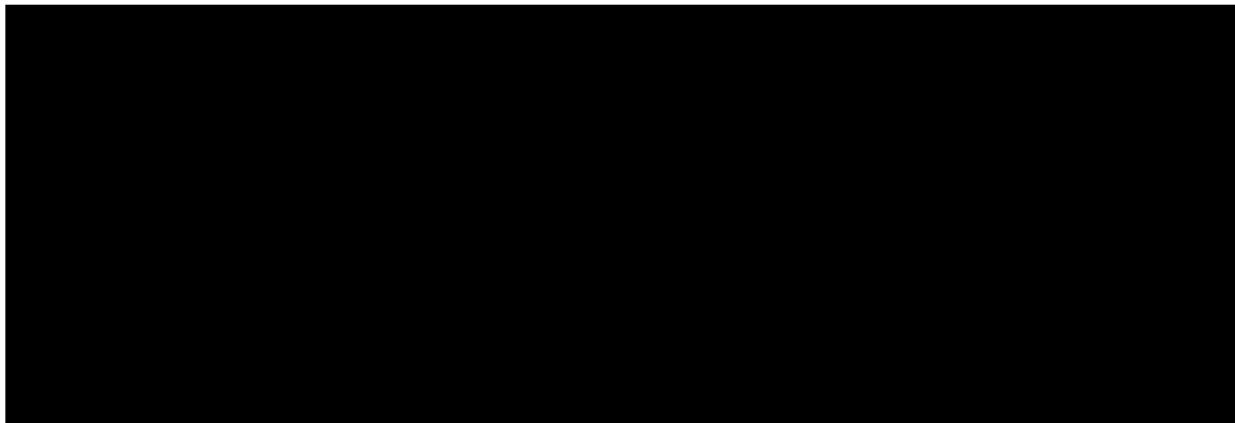
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1. In early May 1950, the Communist government authorities in Peiping brought up, in a meeting of the National Committee of the Political Consultative Council*, the question of strengthening and expanding Communist influence in Southeast Asia. A decision was reached to redouble efforts to utilize overseas Chinese groups, and to empower the China Democratic League to establish organs in Southeast Asia for this purpose. At the next meeting of its Standing Committee, therefore, the China Democratic League set up a new Overseas Department, with PENG Tse-min** as chairman, to handle the organization of China Democratic League branches in Southeast Asia.
2. The Bureau of Culture and Education of the Kwangtung Provincial Government convened a meeting of university presidents and middle school principals in Canton on 10 May 1950 to discuss Southeast Asia in the field of education. TU Kuo-hsiang***, commissioner of the Bureau, made a speech urging teachers of political science, history and geography to emphasize Southeast Asian countries in their courses and to bring out the intimate relation between these areas and China. The theme of their teaching, TU stated, should be that China's security will be threatened unless the nations of Southeast Asia are released from their servitude to imperialistic powers.

25X1A * Comment. This was probably a meeting of the Preparatory Committee of the National Committee, also known as the Standing Committee, of the Political Consultative Conference.

25X1A ** Comment. PENG is a leader of the Chinese Peasants' and Workers' Democratic Party and one of the vice chairmen of the State Administrative Council's Committee on Political and Legal Affairs. See also 25X1A

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